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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 30, 2005, having a three-month
statutory period for response set to expire on September 30, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a
Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-identified application as
follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.